

Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM by Chairman Phil Kraft.

Commissioners present were: Ed Carabillo, Marian Castell, Phil Kraft, Ken Reiss, Bob Riith, Charles Scribner and member-candidate Ann Penrose.

Guests present were: Duane Lovello, Gary Pavia and Court Isaac of the Darien Police Department; Becky Siciliano of the D.A.R.; Jim Baker of the Darien Boat Club; and Gloria Veeder of the Center for Hope.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written, upon a motion by Riith, seconded by Carabillo.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies at the Veterans' Cemetery:

--Chairman Kraft reported that the FAA and the Air Force had approved the request for a flyover (copies attached) & that it would be conducted by the same kind of aircraft as last year.

--The ceremony at the cemetery will feature the 75th anniversary re-dedication of the Karl Lang statue at the base of the flagpole. Off. Isaac reported that the flower bulbs and boxwoods had been planted and lights installed, and that alliums and ornamental trees were scheduled to be planted and the overgrown evergreens near the archway were to be removed (with permission from the State).

--Exact figures were not available, but Isaac and Kraft agreed that the project was on or near budget.

--Chief Lovello reported that the grandson of sculptor Karl Lang (and a sculptor himself) appeared to be willing to participate in the ceremony. Lovello will approach him about speaking at the ceremony.

--Phil Kraft welcomed the Center for Hope as a participant in the parade.

--It was moved by Riith and seconded by Carabillo that Bill Flanagan be invited to serve as Grand Marshall. Approved unanimously; Scribner volunteered to ask him.

--It is hoped that Karl Lang's grandson will agree to be the speaker, but if he will not, we will ask the Police to take it on as a tribute to their role in refurbishing the cemetery.

--Jim Baker outlined the plans by the Darien Boat Club to give the memorial ceremony at the beach the attention it deserves. The Commission will afford the Club the support it has requested. A suggestion was made that if a bugler could not be found to play taps that a piper might be persuaded to participate. The Boat Club plan for the ceremony, which will take place on June 4, 2011 at 1:00 PM, is attached.

--The parade formation at the shopping center will follow the same pattern as last year. Details to be confirmed at the April meeting.

--Riith reported that letters are going out for necessary permissions and insurance.

--Kraft will approach the high school about recruiting some helpers to work at the shopping center during parade formation.

--Karen Polett will arrange for the wreaths for the ceremony.

--Due to construction, there is nowhere at the Police Department to store the flags for the cemetery. Chick Scribner will have them sent to Phil Kraft's office.

--Suggestions were requested for ways to get more of the marching dignitaries to go to the reviewing stand. It was suggested that they be reminded as the parade began; Lt. Pavia suggested that the police escort should stop at the reviewing stand so dignitaries could leave the line of march.

--Lt. Pavia asked that the colored dashboard permits again be issued to vehicles participating in the parade.

--Becky Siciliano noted that parade viewers frequently failed to stand in observance of passing color guards. She offered to write a letter to the newspapers reminding the public to do so.

--Scribner reported that a Boy Scout Eagle project has located about 50 additional graves of veterans in Spring Grove.

--Ed Carabillo will approach Fr. Paul Murphy of St. Thomas about leading the prayers at the ceremony.

Town Hall Showcase:

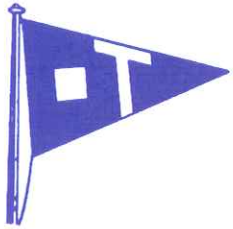
The showcase has been emptied for the high school ceramic art exhibit to be installed. It will run until April 26. Chick Scribner has volunteered to take charge of the showcase.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM at the motion of Ed Carabillo.

Respectfully submitted;

Ken Reiss, for the Secretary.

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MONUMENTS AND CEREMONIES COMMISSION

Re: Veterans Memorial Service

To be held at the Darien Boat Club (tentative date) Saturday, June 4, 2011.
Time – 1:00 p.m. (no rain date) Note: High tide is at 2:07 p.m. good water for all boats

We will have on board:

Darien Police Marine One – Captain Scott McNiven
Noroton Fire Rescue Boat
Eatons Neck Coast Guard Boat (pending availability)
Stamford Police Boat (pending availability)

Invited Guests:

Darien First Selectman and Board of Selectmen
Monuments and Ceremonies Commission
Chaplin
Veterans as recommended by Commission

Plan of the day:

- 1) 1:00 p.m. Guests board boats with wreath;
- 2) Chaplin and Honor Guard form at front beach;
- 3) 1:05 p.m. Boats will parade to stand off front beach;
- 4) Chaplin to say a few kind words;
- 5) On hand signal – place wreath and Honor Guard salute;
- 6) Taps.

All hands dismissed - Coffee and pastry at DBC for boat crews and guests.

I would ask the Commission for their assistance with: 1) Wreath; 2) Honor Guard; 3) Bugler for taps.

Jim Baker, Manager
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